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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., A.M., June 2002. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Major Field: Islamic philosophy

Minor Fields: Arabic language and literature, Islamic Law, and political philosophy

BOSTON COLLEGE

M.A., June 1992. Political Science

Major Field: medieval Islamic, Jewish, and Christian political philosophy

KENYON COLLEGE

B.A., June 1990. Philosophy and Political Science

Major Field: ancient and modern political philosophy

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016- present** *Assistant Professor of the Practice.* Department of Political Science and Islamic Civilization and Societies (ICS) Program, Boston College.
- 2020- present** *Associate Director.* Islamic Civilization and Societies Program, Boston College.
- 2020- present** *Director of Graduate Studies.* Islamic Civilization and Societies Program, Boston College.
- 2016-present** *Director. The John Marshall Project.* Department of Political Science, Boston College.
- 2013- 2016** *Visiting Assistant Professor.* Department of Political Science and Islamic Civilization and Societies (ICS) Program, Boston College.
- 2009-2013** *Instructor.* Department of Political Science and ICS Program, Boston College.
- 2008-2011** *Adjunct Professor.* Department of Government, Suffolk University.
- 2005-2006** *Bradley Research Fellow.* Department of Political Science, Boston College.
- 2002-2005** *Visiting Assistant Professor.* James Madison College at Michigan State University.
- 2002-2005** *LeFrak Postdoctoral Fellow for the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy.* Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books

Alfarabi's Book of Dialectic (Kitab al-Jadal): On the Starting Point of Islamic Philosophy. Cambridge University Press: December, 2019.

An Introduction to Alfarabi's Philosophy of Plato and Aristotle. First thorough line-by-line commentary of Alfarabi's foundational philosophical text. Manuscript nearly completed. "Statement of Interest" agreement signed on behalf of Cambridge University Press.

Alfarabi's Political Writings: Volume 4 (The Virtuous City). With Charles E. Butterworth. Under contract with Cornell University Press. English translation of complete Arabic text, with Introduction and Notes. Initial stages of preparation.

English translations from the Arabic of the following lesser-known works by Alfarabi. With Tim McCranor. Manuscript to be completed Summer 2022.

- A) *The End of Aristotle's Metaphysics.*
- B) *On What Must Be Known before One Studies Philosophy.*
- C) *The Conditions of Certainty.*
- D) *Epistle on the Intellect.*
- E) *Letter on Astronomy.*
- F) *Book of Poetry*

Articles

"Al-Farabi, Abu Nasr." For *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. 2020.

"On Averroes's Use of Logical Methods in Defense of Philosophy." In *The Pilgrimage of Philosophy: A Festschrift for Charles E. Butterworth*. St. Augustine's Press: November, 2019.

"Averroes." For *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (ed. Michael T. Gibbons [Wiley-Blackwell]: 2015).

"The End of Aristotle's *Topics* and the Beginning of Islamic Philosophy." In *La lumière de l'intellect: La pensée scientifique et philosophique d'Averroès dans son temps* (ed. A. Hasnawi [Peeters (Belgium)]: 2011).

"Averroes' *Decisive Treatise* and the Apology of Philosophy in Muslim Spain." A "revise and re-submit" request from *The Review of Politics*.

"The Place of Human Beings in Roger Bacon's *De multiplicatione specierum*: A Chapter on the Optics of Latin Averroism." Manuscript in final stages of development.

CONFERENCES AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

March 2020. Paper delivered: "Alfarabi's Alternate Modernity, Or: Modernity's Mistake." Invitation from Judith Swanson of Boston University's Department of Politics and the Political Theory Workshop.

August 2018. Paper delivered: "Alfarabi on the Oblivion of Greek Philosophy." *Friday Evening Lecture Series*. St. John's College, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

September 2017. Paper delivered: "What's So Political about 'Political' Islam." Boisi Center at Boston College.

November 2015. Paper delivered: "On the Order of Reading Alfarabi's Political Writings." *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 2015. Papers delivered: "Alfarabi as the Founder of Islamic Philosophy." The Universities of Texas at Austin, Baylor, and Dallas.

November 2014. Panel paper and Chair. *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Boston, Massachusetts.

October 2011. Paper delivered: "Islam, Liberalism, and the War on Terror." *MIT Concourse Program*. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

October 2010. Paper delivered: "Alfarabi and the Sabians of Harran." *SAGP/SSIPS Conference*. Fordham University. New York, New York.

November 2010. Paper delivered: "The Socratic Turn in the Philosophy of Alfarabi." *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Boston, Massachusetts.

November 2008. Paper for panel: "Muhsin Mahdi, Alfarabi, and the Crisis of Islamic Science." *The American University in Cairo*. Cairo, Egypt.

August 2008. Panel chair: "Theory and Practice as Categories of Medieval Political Philosophy." *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Boston, Massachusetts.

November 2006. Paper for panel: "Breaking with Athens: Alfarabi as Founder;" and, Panel chair and moderator: "The Philosopher and the City: A Millennium of Reflection." *Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*. Boston, Massachusetts.

November 2006. Paper for panel: "What Is (and What Is Not) Arabic-Islamic Philosophy?" *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*. Boston, Massachusetts.

November 2005. Paper for panel: "Theory Versus Practice in Islamic Philosophy." *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*. Washington, D.C.

May 2005. Paper delivered: "From Islam to Islamism: Religion versus Ideology in the War on Terror." *San Diego Philosophical Society*. San Diego, California.

March 2005. Paper delivered: "The Struggle Between Islam and Islamism in the Middle East." *World Affairs Council of Western Michigan*. "Great Decisions in American Foreign Policy" lecture series. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

September 2004. Panel paper and Chair: "The Contemporary Implications of Medieval Arab/Islamic Political Philosophy." *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Chicago, Illinois.

April 2003. Paper delivered: "Alfarabi's Political Influence: The Case of Frederick the Second of Hohenstaufen." *Political Philosophy Colloquium*. Department of Political Science, Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan.

April 1999. Paper delivered: "The Art of Dialectic and the Roots of the Law." *Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition in Islam, Judaism, and Christianity*. Dayton, Ohio.

December 1998. Paper delivered: "The End of Aristotle's *Topics* and the Beginning of Islamic Philosophy." *Congreso Internacional VIII Centenario (1198-1998) De Averroes*. Cordoba, Spain.

November 1996. Paper delivered: "The Political Implications of Alfarabi's Cosmology." *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*. Providence, Rhode Island.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

The John Marshall Project (Department of Political Science), Director
Associate Director, Islamic Civilization and Societies Program
Director of Graduate Studies, Islamic Civilization and Societies Program
Undergraduate Committee (Honors Program), Department of Political Science
Honors Thesis Advisor (Department of Political Science and Islamic Civilization and Societies Program)
Jesuit Essentials, The Jesuit Institute (James Keenan, S.J., Director)
Shariah and Cake, Jonathan Laurence (Political Science) and James Keenan, S.J. (The Jesuit Institute)
GEM Fellows, Patrick Byrne (Philosophy and Lonergan Institute) and Kerry Cronin (Perspectives Program)
Panel Presenter (with Brian Braman), “Texts and Teaching” conference sponsored by Jeff Bloechl (Philosophy)
Student Mentor, Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program (Kathy Bailey, Department of Political Science, Director)
Presenter and Discussant, Perspectives Program May Teaching Workshops
Perspectives Program, Wednesday evening lectures
Interviewer, Boston College U.S. Fulbright Committee (Paul Christensen, Department of Political Science, Director)
Interviewer, Boston College Rhodes Scholarship Committee
Editorial board member, Boston College undergraduate publications (*al-Noor, Colloquium*)
Member of B.C. delegation (with Christian Dupont [Burns Librarian] and Natana Delong-Bas [Theology]) to assess quality of Professor Gerhard Bowering S.J. (Yale) personal library of Arabic texts in New Haven for purchase
Summer Teaching Retreat (Center for Teaching Excellence), Ocean Edge, Brewster, Cape Cod
Summer Orientation and Pre-Major Advising (Academic Advising Center)
Boisi Center lunch talk, “What’s So Political about ‘Political Islam?’”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Reviewer: *The American Political Science Review, Interpretation, Journal of Religion.*
American Political Science Association. Member since 2002.
Middle East Studies Association. Member since 2000.
The International Society for the History of Arabic and Islamic Science and Philosophy (SIHSPAI). Member since 2000.

LANGUAGES

Advanced: Arabic, German, and French; Intermediate: Biblical and Modern Hebrew; Beginner: Greek and Latin.